



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Philip W. Wyers
Appl. No.: 10/752,931
Filed: January 6, 2004
Docket No.: 2015
Conf. No.: 5788
Art Unit: 3676
Examiner: Lloyd Gall
Title:

**LOCKING DEVICE WITH CONVERTIBLE SHANK INCLUDING
LOCKING METHOD THEREOF**

Action: **RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION AND ELECTION
WITHOUT TRAVERSE**

Date: January 24, 2005

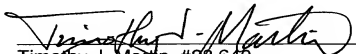
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Applicant of the above-captioned patent application hereby requests a one (1) month time extension from December 22, 2004 to January 22, 2005 in which to respond to the Office Action dated November 22, 2004. Accordingly, enclosed is our check no. 18689 in the amount of \$60.00 to cover this time extension request. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-1940.

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This is in response to the Office Communication dated November 22, 2004 and
in further response to the Restriction Requirement July 27, 2004.

ELECTIONS

Applicant hereby first elects to prosecute Claims 1-7, drawn to a method of locking a component, classified in class 70, subclass 370.

Next, in response to the species restriction of the method claims, Applicant elects to prosecute claims 1-4, 6 and 7. Accordingly, applicant withdraws claim 5 subject to the allowance of generic claim 1.